CALIFORNIA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS BOARD

PROPOSED STATE STANDARD, TITLE 8, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 4

Amend Section 1524 to read:

- § 1524. Water Supply.
 - (a) Potable Water.
- (1) An adequate supply of potable drinking water shall be provided in all places of employment.

Note: Additional requirements for the provision of drinking water in outdoor places of employment are contained in Section 3395.

- (2) The employer shall take one or more of the following steps to ensure every employee has access to drinking water:
 - (A) Provide drinking fountains.
 - (B) Supply single-service cups. Where single-service cups are supplied, a sanitary container for the unused cups and a receptacle for disposing of the used cups shall be provided.
 - (C) Supply sealed one-time use water containers. Where sealed one-time use water containers are supplied, a receptacle for disposing of the used containers shall be provided.
 - (D) Ensure re-usable, closable containers are available for individual employee use. Where re-usable containers for individual use are relied upon for compliance with this section, the employer shall ensure the containers are marked to identify the user and maintained in a sanitary condition.
- (3) Portable containers used to dispense drinking water to more than one person shall be equipped with a faucet or drinking fountain. Drinking water containers shall be capable of being tightly closed and shall be otherwise designed, constructed and serviced so that sanitary conditions are maintained. Water shall not be dipped from containers.
- (3) (4) Any container used to store or dispense drinking water shall be clearly marked as to the nature of its contents and shall not be used for any other purpose.
- (4) Where drinking fountains are not provided, single service cups (to be used but once) shall be supplied. Where single service cups are supplied, a sanitary container for the unused cups and a receptacle for disposing of the used cups shall be provided.
- (5) Re-usable containers for individual use and drinking cups shall not be shared or used in common.

EXCEPTION: Re-usable containers for individual use and drinking cups which are safely and effectively cleaned and sanitized between use by different users.

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NOTE: Authority cited: Section 142.3, Labor Code. Reference: Section 142.3, Labor Code